Amendments to the Claims:

1 – 13. canceled.

14. (previously presented): A method of providing authenticating information for a property title document, said method comprising:

receiving a first digital signature that is associated with a seller of property;

receiving a second digital signature that is associated with a buyer of the property;

using the first digital signature and the second digital signature to provide a digital watermark payload, the payload comprising authenticating information; and

utilizing a configured multi-purpose electronic processor, steganographically embedding the digital watermark payload in the property title document.

15. (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the authentication information comprises the first digital signature and the second digital signature.

16. (previously presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the authentication information comprises a cryptographic permutation of at least one of the first digital signature or the second digital signature.

17. (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the authentication information comprises an output of a function which includes the first digital signature and the second digital signature as inputs.

18. (original): The method of claim 14, wherein at least one of the authentication information, first digital signature and second digital signature comprises a time or date stamp.

19. (previously presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the property comprises at least one of a motor vehicle, personal property or real property.

20. (previously presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the authentication information comprises a reduced-bit representation of at least one of the first digital signature or the second digital signature.

21. (previously presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the property title document comprises at least one of an electronic document or a printed document.

22. (previously presented): A method to authenticate documentation associated with a motor vehicle, the documentation comprises plural-bit auxiliary data steganographically embedded therein through alterations to graphics, artwork or information carried on the documentation, the auxiliary data comprising at least an identifier, said method comprising:

receiving optically captured image data that corresponds to the documentation;

utilizing a configured multi-purpose electronic processor, analyzing the image data to obtain the identifier, wherein the identifier includes or links to information to uniquely identify the motor vehicle; and

providing a signal in response to the identifier being obtained.

23. (original): The method of claim 22, wherein the identifier is intertwined with another identifier, the another identifier being steganographically embedded in different documentation, the different documentation also being associated with a motor vehicle.

24. (previously presented): The method of claim 22, wherein the documentation comprises at least one of an emissions document or sticker, a license plate, an insurance card, disabled placard, cab or taxi documentation, a trip permit, a cargo manifest, a registration document, an inspection sticker or document, or a motor vehicle title.

25. (original): The method of claim 22, wherein the information further comprises a listing of drivers who are authorized to operate the motor vehicle.

26. (previously presented): A method to facilitate transfer of a motor vehicle from a seller to a buyer, said method comprising:

receiving into a first data record information associated with the motor vehicle or the seller of the motor vehicle;

providing the buyer of the motor vehicle with a digitally watermarked object, the digital watermark comprising an identifier;

associating the identifier with a second data record, the second data record including information associated with the buyer of the motor vehicle;

associating the first data record with the second data record;

upon presentment of the digitally watermarked object, receiving optically captured scan data representing the digitally watermarked object, and analyzing the scan data with a configured multi-purpose electronic processor to obtain the identifier, said method further comprising accessing at least the second data record via the identifier.

27. (original): The method of claim 26, further comprising accessing the first data record.

28. (original): The method of claim 27, wherein the first data record and the second data record are associated via the identifier.

29. (original): The method of claim 27, further comprising presenting at least some of the information that is associated with the motor vehicle or the seller of the motor vehicle to the buyer through a computer interface.

30. (original): The method of claim 29, further comprising prompting the buyer to confirm the transfer through the computer interface.

31. (original): The method of claim 30, further comprising automatically notifying at least a government agency after the buyer confirms the transfer.

32. (original): The method of claim 26, wherein the motor vehicle is purchased through an auction.

33. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the information associated with the buyer comprises an account number, said method further comprising automatically debiting the account after the buyer confirms the transfer.

34. (original): The method of claim 33, further comprising generating a printed title document after the buyer confirms the transfer.

35. (original): A printed document comprising:

a document identifier;

a first digital watermark including a first payload, the first payload comprising a representation of the document identifier;

a second digital watermark including a second payload, the second payload comprising at least a reduced-bit representation of the first payload.

36. (original): The document of claim 35, wherein the document is associated with a motor vehicle.

37. (original): The document of claim 36, wherein the document identifier comprises a vehicle identification number (VIN).

38. (original): The document of claim 35, wherein the document comprises information printed therein, and wherein said second payload further comprises a representation of at least a portion of the printed information.

39. (original): The document of claim 35, wherein the second digital watermark is imparted to the document through laser engraving.

40. (original): The document of claim 35, wherein the reduced-bit representation of the first payload comprises a hash.

41. (original): The document of claim 35, wherein the reduced-bit representation of the first payload comprises a cryptographic permutation.

42. (original): The document of claim 35, wherein the document comprises variable information printed thereon, and wherein the second digital watermark comprises at least some of the variable information, wherein the variable information varies from document to document.

43. (previously presented): A programmed computing device storing instructions in memory, said instructions are executable by said programmed computing device to perform the acts of claim 14.

44. (previously presented): A computer readable media comprising instructions stored thereon to cause a multi-purpose electronic processor to perform the acts of claim 14.

45. (previously presented): A programmed computing device storing instructions in memory, said instructions are executable by said programmed computing device to perform the acts of claim 22.

46. (previously presented): A computer readable media comprising instructions stored thereon to cause a multi-purpose electronic processor to perform the acts of claim 22.

47. (previously presented): A programmed computing device storing instructions in memory, said instructions are executable by said programmed computing device to perform the acts of claim 26.

48. (previously presented): A computer readable media comprising instructions stored thereon to cause a multi-purpose electronic processor to perform the act of analyzing recited in claim 26.